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In Re The Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/078,601)
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Sir:

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action dated October 24, 2003 has been reviewed carefully and the following election in response to the restriction requirement is being made.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that this group includes claims 37-46, 55-58, and 62-63, 65-66, 68-73 drawn to direct oxidation fuel cells.

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